

(e) whether the prices of Ice-cream have gone up after the entry of Multinational Corporations in the field ;

(f) if so, the details thereof ;

(g) the steps taken to control the increasing prices ; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Government have not issued industrial licences to any large company with foreign equity for manufacture of ice-cream.

(b) to (h) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Debt Relief Scheme in A.P.

3486. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

The total amount given under Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme to Andhra Pradesh so far ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : As per data available from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) the total amount of debt relief provided to borrowers in Andhra Pradesh under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 was Rs. 882.66 crores.

Exemption under Income from Agriculture

3487. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of income-tax payers in Delhi ;

(b) the number and details out of them who have sought income-tax exemption on income from Agriculture during the last three years ; and

(c) the amount of exemption sought and the amount exempted during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The number of income-tax payers in Delhi is as under :

As on 31.3.94	6.76 lakhs
As on 31.3.95	6.24 lakhs
As on 31.3.96	6.24 lakhs

(b) and (c) As per Section 10(1) of Income Tax Act, 1961, agricultural income is not includible in the total income of any person. However, in the case of an Individual, Hindu Undivided Family, Association of Persons, Body of Individuals and Artificial Juridical Persons if the net agricultural income of previous year exceeds six hundred rupees and the non-agricultural total income exceeds the exemption limit, such net agricultural income is aggregated with the total income for determining rate of income tax on non-agricultural total income. The details of cases involving aggregation of agricultural income and the amount of net agricultural income aggregated are as under :

Financial Year	No. of cases	Amount of net agricultural income aggregated
1993-94	635	Rs. 42270(000)
1994-95	633	Rs. 42548(000)
1995-96	867	Rs. 48263(000)

Burn Standard Company Ltd.

3488. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total strength of workers and staff of the Refractory units of Burn Standard Co. Ltd. before it was taken over by Government and also as on date unit wise ; and

(b) the number of workers and staff who have accepted retirement under voluntary retirement scheme alongwith the details of rate offered ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The strength of staff and workers of Refractory units before take over and also as on 31.7.96 is as under :

Unit	Staff and workers strength before take over	Staff and workers strength as on 31.7.96
Rani-Ganj Group of works	2469	1115
Gulfarbari	840	373
Jabalpur	945	297
Niwar	345	213
Salem	2983	1406

(b) The number of workers and staff who have accepted retirement under voluntary retirement scheme are as under :